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2025 EST WCCC GUEST HANDBOOK

Here you can find all necessary information about the tournament and other activities prepared for you by Organizing Committee. Please keep it with you and stay tuned for more news.,



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WELCOME MESSAGE



Dear Guests and Players,

Welcome to Kazakhstan! Welcome to Almaty!

It is a great joy and honor for our country to host the World Cadet Chess Championship 2025. This year, more than 800 of the strongest sportsmen from 87 countries will take part in it. This is an indicator of the high status of the competition and the interest in it from the chess community.

Such prestigious tournaments give a powerful impetus to popularization of the chess, and victories of very young sportsmen inspire their age-mates around the world to engage in intellectual sports, set and achieve great goals.

I am sure that this championship will give us not only bright and memorable games, but also new chess stars. Perhaps, among those reading this message, there are future world champions, the topranked chessplayers.

I hope that your acquaintance with Kazakhstan will leave unforgettable impressions and emotions. We tried to do everything to make our guests, sportsmen and fans feel at home in Almaty.

AIRPORT



Upon arrival, the Organizing Committee will provide assistance to each delegation, ensuring a smooth and expedited process for all necessary procedures.

INFODESK

At the airport, clear navigation signs will lead delegations to the KazChess information desk, where friendly volunteers will be available to offer guidance and support. Airport staff and volunteers will greet the delegations in welcoming zone after luggage claim.



SHUTTLES

All participants will be greeted by a dedicated shuttle service upon arrival. The shuttles will operate from the airport and official hotels to the tournament venue, ensuring comfortable and timely transfers. This service is organized for the convenience of guests and will run according to the event schedule.



OFFICIAL HOTELS



Rahat Palace

Rahat Palace is a modern hotel that combines comfort with a welcoming atmosphere. Guests can enjoy spacious rooms, a restaurant offering diverse cuisine, and all essential amenities for both leisure and business trips. Conveniently located, the hotel is an excellent choice for tourists as well as event participants.



Kazakhstan Hotel

Hotel Kazakhstan is one of the most iconic landmarks of Almaty. With its distinctive high-rise architecture, it offers panoramic views of the city and the surrounding mountains. The hotel provides comfortable rooms, several restaurants and cafes, as well as conference facilities, making it suitable for both leisure and business travelers. Its central location ensures easy access to cultural attractions, shopping areas, and event venues.



Almaty Hotel

Almaty Hotel is a modern property located in the very heart of the city, close to major landmarks and cultural centers. Guests can enjoy comfortable rooms, a restaurant, a fitness center, and all the essentials for both leisure and business stays. Its convenient location provides easy access to the Baluan Sholak Arena and other key city attractions.



Resident Abay

Resident Abay is a modern apart-hotel in the center of Almaty, offering stylish and comfortable accommodations for both short- and long-term stays. . Its central location provides quick access to business centers, cultural sites, and popular leisure spots, making it an excellent choice for travelers seeking comfort and flexibility.



Best Western Almaty

Hotel is located in the center of Almaty, close to the business and financial districts, a 30-minute drive from the International Airport and a 10-minute drive from Republic Square. Being part of the largest exhibition complex "Atakent", the hotel is an ideal venue for conferences and festive events.



Holiday Inn Express

Holiday Inn Express Almaty is a modern and comfortable hotel, attractive for work and leisure. It is located in the very center of Almaty. Baluan Sholak Arena, where the tournament will be held, is within walking distance from the hotel

READ REGULATIONS

CHESS RESULTS

SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Activity	Location
18.09.2025	12:00 – 20:00	Accreditation at hotels and venue	Hotels
	19:00	Technical meeting	BS Arena, Main Hall №1
19.09.2025	09:00 – 19:00	International arbiter Seminar	BS Arena, Conference Room, 2nd Floor
	14:00 – 15:00	Opening Ceremony	BS Arena, Main Hall №1
	15:00	Round 1	BS Arena, Main Hall №1 и №2
20.09.2025	10:00 – 18:00	International arbiter Seminar	BS Arena, Conference Room, 2nd Floor
	15:00	Round 2	BS Arenas №1 and №2
	10:00 – 13:00	International arbiter Seminar	BS Arena, Conference Room, 2nd Floor
21.09.2025	15:00	Round 3	BS Arenas №1 and №2
	15:00	Workshop: Eco-products from recycled plastic	BS Arena, Lounge Zone
22.00.2025	10:00 – 18:00	FIDE Arbiter Seminar	BS Arena, Conference Room, 2nd Floor
22.09.2025	15:00	Round 4	BS Arenas №1 and №2
22.00.2025	10:00 – 18:00	FIDE Arbiter Seminar	BS Arena, Conference Room, 2nd Floor
23.09.2025	15:00	Round 5	BS Arenas №1 and №2
24.00.2025	10:00 – 18:00	FIDE Arbiter Seminar	BS Arena, Conference Room, 2nd Floor
24.09.2025	15:00	Round 6	BS Arenas №1 and №2
	07:30 – 14:00	Excursion to Shymbulak	Shymbulak Mountain Resort
25.09.2025	08:45 – 13:30	World Solving Championship	BS Arenas №1 and №2
	14:00 – 20:00	Blitz Tournament	BS Arenas №1 and №2
a, aa aaa	10:00-13:00	FIDE Fair Play Seminar	BS Arena, Conference Room, 2nd Floor
26.09.2025	15:00	Round 7	BS Arenas №1 and №2
27.09.2025	10:00-13:00	FIDE Fair Play Seminar	BS Arena, Conference Room, 2nd Floor
	10:00 – 15:00	Chess in Education Conference	Satbayev University, 2nd Floor, Assembly Hall
	15:00	Round 8	BS Arenas №1 and №2
28.09.2025	10:00 – 13:00	FIDE Fair Play Seminar	BS Arena, Conference Room, 2nd Floor
	14:30 – 18:00	Chess in Education Conference	Satbayev University, 2nd Floor, Assembly Hall
	15:00	Round 9	BS Arenas №1 and №2
29.09.2025	10:00-13:00	FIDE Fair Play Seminar	BS Arena, Conference Room, 2nd Floor
	15:00	Round 10	BS Arenas №1 and №2
30.09.2025	11:00	Round 11	BS Arenas №1 and №2
	17:00	Closing Ceremony	BS Arena, Main Hall №1

SIDE EVENTS

LET'S HAVE A FUN TOGETHER!



Excursion Shymbulak

25.09.2025, 07.00-12.00

Participants will enjoy a cable car ride to the Shymbulak Mountain Resort, admire stunning panoramic views, and experience the fresh alpine atmosphere of the Ile-Alatau National Park.



Blitz Tournament

25.09.2025, 14:00

An exciting open Blitz tournament for all chess enthusiasts with a total prize fund of \$2,000.







World Solving Championship

25.09.2025, 08:45 - 13:30

An international contest where top players solve challenging chess problems and studies under time control.



Chess in Education Conference

27-28.09.2025

The conference will feature talks and panel discussions with renowned international experts, focusing on the role of chess in learning and child development.

You can register and pay in cash upon arrival if card payment doesn't work.

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WCCC 2025 LOCATIONS

TECHNICAL MEETING - BALUAN SHOLAQ ARENA

The main idea of meeting before the rounds is to ensure that all participants are familiar with the rules, regulations, and logistics of the tournament. It serves as a platform for organizers to communicate important information to the players and clarify any uncertainties they may have.

All heads of delegations are invited. Transfer are provided.

OPENING CEREMONY - BALUAN SHOLAQ ARENA

We have prepared for you a grand opening ceremony with official speeches, pleasant surprises, and most importantly, exciting fun for everyone!

PLAYING HALLS - BALUAN SHOLAQ #1 AND #2

For your convenience, shuttles will be available every day to take you to and from the playing hall. During breaks, players will be able to enjoy a coffee break, as well as a lounge where accompanying person will be waiting for them

SIDE EVENTS

We have prepared for everyone a cultural and entertaining program that will allow you to erase the boundaries between us, get to know each other better and see the beautiful places of the city. Join us! Please take care if someone from your team decides to stay at the hotel, so as not to be left unattended.

5 CLOSING CEREMONY

The Closing Ceremony will mark the official conclusion of the championship, featuring the awarding of winners, cultural performances, and a festive program to celebrate all participants.

IMPORTANT CONTACT



If you need any assistance please contact the coordinators of your hotel or other manager.

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THANK YOU.

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